



# ***Benton County***

**How Did We Get Here?  
And  
Is This Where We Want to  
Be?**

# Plan Commission

- ✧ Consider issues of public health, safety, and welfare
- ✧ Directed by the Comprehensive Plan

# Working with Wind Energy Development Companies

✧ Obtaining perfect balance - Is it possible?



# Application and Conditional Use

- ✧ Approval of Conditional Use requires building to take place within one year
- ✧ One year extension may be granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals

# Fees

- ✧ \$20,000 application fee
  - ✧ 50% will be applied to Improvement Location Permits
- ✧ Improvement Location Permits - \$1,700/megawatt

# Setbacks

- ✧ Required 350 ft. or 1.1 times the height of the tower including the blade for roads, railroads, and overhead electrical transmission lines
- ✧ Towers with turbines producing 1.0 MW or less shall be set at least 1,000 ft. from occupied structures
- ✧ Towers with turbines producing greater than 1.0 MW must be set back from platted community 1,500 ft.

# What is the Impact?

